

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

August 9, 2012

Via E-mail
Mr. Richard Slansky
Chief Financial Officer
GenMark Diagnostics, Inc.
5964 La Place Court, Suite 100
Carlsbad, California 92008

Re: GenMark Diagnostics, Inc.

Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011

Filed March 21, 2012 File No. 001-34753

Dear Mr. Slansky:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/Brian Cascio

Brian Cascio Accounting Branch Chief